

Several significant challenges in the operations arena at LANL were overcome this year, resulting in improvements in its conduct of operations. These outcomes will contribute directly to the Laboratory's ability to operate its facilities and infrastructure efficiently, safely, and securely to effectively support the Lab's mission.

Achievements included

- implementing the consolidation of facility operations directors;

- assuming work control, work management functions from subcontractor KSL;

- assigning 25 additional Cognizant System Engineers to support facility operations since January 2008;

- submitting and receiving approval of a corrective action plan addressing issues identified by DOE's Independent Oversight Office of Safeguards and Security Evaluations;

- revising 50 criticality safety evaluations, an effort the Los Alamos Site Office deemed "exceptional and of high quality";
- and

- reducing significant operational events by 25 percent since October 2007. (During fiscal year 2008, LANL wrote and received DOE approval on two safety documents: one for DARHT and the other for the Chemistry and Metallurgy Research facility.)

Improvements in operations formality introduced